

MS. Lazar: Hi, my name is Elise Lazar and I so much appreciate looking at your eyes and seeing that despite the hour, your eyes are not glazed over. So I want to say to you and to everybody else here, there's an expression I bet you've all heard and that is, what happens in Las Vegas stays in Las Vegas. And you're saying, what does this have to do with this hearing? Well, that expression was created by a PR firm called R&R, which also created the slogan, "Clean coal." There is no such thing as clean coal. That is simply PR jargon. I know that when I go to the doctors, it's part of their routine in the initial few minutes to say, "Have you ever had black lung disease?" I said, "I've never been a miner." But they said that in this state and perhaps in other states it is very typical of something that they ask. In terms of mining, in terms of the -- going down and being underground and being a miner, the extraction, what is released, there's nothing that is clean about this industry. Now, I'm an artist. And as an artist, I do a lot of public art. I have done a wall honoring the coal miners down in Helper, Utah, next to the train museum. I don't know whether any of you have seen it. I worked with 35 kids, each one did their own car. And I did the public art for the City of Gunnison. And so I'm familiar with all the people who live down there and I have met many coal miners and I have nothing but respect for you. I honor you. And I'm here to tell you that I feel your pain in being caught in a time situation where you are going to have to really adjust to the fact that it's not just America, it's all over the world where you are finding that fossil fuels cannot be sustained. We've got to go to a more renewable type of energy and I think that the \$53 million that has been set aside for the coal being sent to China should be used for retraining of all of you. I wish you well. Thank you very much. And I also appreciate that little dinga linga ling instead of a buzzer. Thanks.